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THERAPY

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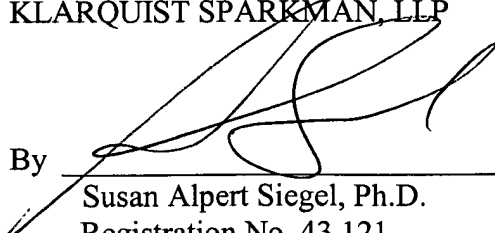
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office action dated November 26, 2004. Please enter the following remarks:

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Remarks

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group II (claims 4-6) drawn to a vaccine including an immunogenic amount of a protein, with traverse. Applicants submit it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to search the subject matter of Group II with the subject matter of Group III.

In response to the requirement for an election of species, Applicants elect Species A, drawn to SEQ ID NO: 2. Applicants thank the Examiner for noting that upon the allowance of a generic claim the applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or that otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

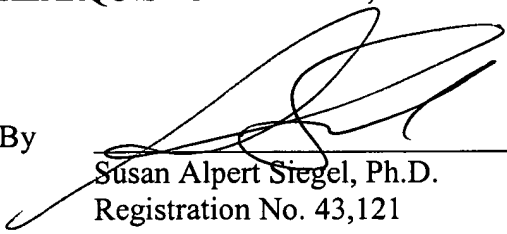
Conclusion

If any matters remain to be addressed prior to substantive examination the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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